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MIKE DIBATTISTA QMI Agency Niagara

Buffalo N.Y. was in a state of emergency and Fort Erie was mostly shut down from blowing snow and zero visibility on Tuesday. Many trucks were stranded at the border and surrounding area waiting for the weather to clear. Fort Erie received between 15 to 20 cm of snow. Read the story online at [www.forterietimes.ca](http://www.forterietimes.ca).

## Beach development 'pitted friend against friend'

Molinaro Group cancels condo project in Crystal Beach

Ray Spiteri  
QMI Agency Niagara

It polarized residents for years.

It landed in courtrooms. It featured prominently in the last municipal election.

And even in its death, the

Bay Beach project is causing a stir.

"It has pitted friend against friend, colleague against colleague," said

Fort Erie Coun. Paul Collard, a critic of the 12-storey condominium project in Crystal Beach.

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*"As a smoker for 20 years, and currently smoke free for 1.5 years, I understand that quitting smoking is a process. It's not easy, but as long as you don't quit quitting, you will eventually be successful. Sometimes we just need to break the plan."*

- Susan Fyke (Addiction Advisor, TEACH Certified Tobacco Specialist)



# Developer didn't specify reason for backing out of the project

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What's done is done. Let's bury the hatchet. We

now have to work together in a positive way and do what's best for that beautiful waterfront. We must engage the public and ask them, 'What is it that you want down there? What is it that you think can make that area better?'

Construction of the Bay Beach project was halted Dec. 31 when the Molinaro Group announced the plan will not move forward.

The Burlington-based developer did not specify why it was backing out of the project, but the decision came just weeks after council voted 4-3 to reject an extension to give them more time to sell condominium units.

Vince Molinaro, president of the Molinaro Group, could not be reached for comment before press time.

In November, Molinaro said 16 of the development's 67 units had been sold.

The Molinaro Group was able to terminate its purchase agreement with the town if it didn't have enough sales by Dec. 31.

The project faced many lawsuits and hearings over the years.

It was still awaiting a land titles absolute application so the land agreement between the municipality and the Molinaro Group could be finalized.

A hearing with the land registry office was held in April, as the application was challenged by a group of opponents, but a verdict had yet to be made.

"This decision has set (Crystal Beach) back 10 years and in the development community, probably 20 years," said longtime Coun. Rick Shular, who supported the development.

"This was a public-private partnership with good business people, with a well-renewed firm."

"Our staff (past and present) spent hundreds, probably thousands of hours into making this project

work. We don't have the appropriate funds on our own to revitalize the Bay Beach area. We've thrown a great opportunity away."

Coun. Don Lubberts, who represents the ward where Bay Beach is located, has been opposed to the project since he was elected in 2010. He said the agreement between the Molinaros and the town was a "bad deal."

"Some people will say we're losing \$3.4 million worth of community benefits. No, we were giving away \$2.7 million worth of property for free. That's what it was appraised at," he said.

Lubberts said the town has a "second chance" to "do what's right for that property."

He said council can better spend the money it was going to put towards the town's cost-sharing agreement on other improvements at Bay Beach.

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# Martin says he can understand the developers' decision

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"We just want there to be a piece of property with a beautiful beach, a park and green space where residents can gather. That should all remain public parkland," Lubberts said.

"Why don't we give the people what they want instead of giving people what they don't want?"

Mayor Doug Martin, a supporter of the Molinaro

proposal, said he can understand the developer's decision to pull out.

He said those who bought the units will be refunded by the developer.

"(The Molinaros have) invested millions of dollars, but some on council have made it their mandate to fight against them," he said. "It was no way to treat a potential client and is not a signal you want to send to the development community."

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**Bouquet for calendar**  
A bouquet for the Fort Erie Times for putting in the community calendar. I have not gone to any of the things listed yet but I will do so when the weather is better.

**Brick for poor language**  
A brick to the person I heard swear in front of a group of small children. It's inappropriate to use such foul language in a public place. You should wash your mouth with soap. You can say whatever you would like in the privacy of your own home but next time you open your mouth to speak in public and there are children around, please think about what you are going to say.

**Bouquet for Christmas lights**  
A huge bouquet for the Town of Fort Erie employees responsible for the beautiful Christmas light display in front of the municipal complex on Hwy. 3. Thank you for taking the time to create these lovely vignettes for the residents to enjoy this holiday season. Happy New Year!

**Bouquet for a kind man** Year everyone.

A bouquet to the kind man who returned my purse. I had left my purse in the shopping cart in the parking lot of a store and when I returned home I noticed it was missing. This man's kindness in returning my purse was appreciated.

**Bouquet for the town**  
A bouquet for the class displayed by the residents of the Town of Fort Erie as they have watched in absolute disbelief, the unfolding and subsequent loss of the Bay Beach property. The silence is deafening.

**Brick for a dog owner**  
A brick to the dog owner who leaves his puppy outside at night in the freezing weather. Shame on you! How would you like to sleep outside in freezing weather. If you don't want to take care of your animal, then find someone to give him the love he deserves.

**Bouquet for New Year**  
A bouquet for 2014. This past year was not the greatest for me, so I am looking forward to all of the new and exciting opportunities that are waiting for me this year. I hope everyone has a wonderful year filled with love, friendship and plenty of happiness. Happy New Year!

## Bridges Community Centre offers free programs for New Year's resolutions

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

It's easy to make a New Year's resolution but it's difficult to keep it.

To help people learn to eat better, manage their weight or quit smoking, Bridges Community Health Centre in Fort Erie is offering a wide variety of free programs to assist in making changes and sticking to them, said health promoter Rhonda Barron.

Each year, Barron said one in three Canadians resolve to make themselves better in some way, but only a small percentage of people keep those resolutions.

"Making resolutions is a strategy people use to motivate themselves but often

people are not ready to change their habits, especially habits they have been practicing for many years," Barron said.

"People also set unrealistic goals and expectations when making New Year's resolutions. Achieving your resolution involves changing behaviors and to change a behavior, you need to change the way you think," she added.

One way to help people make changes such as to quit smoking is through programs that provide support.

"Research has shown that programs focused on helping individuals learn self-management skills increases their chances of making positive changes to their health."

Even if people aren't ready to make a big change such as quitting smoking, Barron said sometimes it's a matter of "opening yourself up to receive information."

"You may not be feeling like making that change but we still encourage people to come out," she said.

"Maybe it's about harm reduction strategies and we can help you cut back from smoking a full pack to five cigarettes a day."

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### Workshops

**Craving change:** a six week program focused on changing your relationship with food and healthy eating information session, Jan. 20 at 4 p.m.

**Nutrition and cooking classes:** Learn how to prepare healthy meals; March 5 and 12, Feb. 6 and 13, noon to 4 p.m.

**Eat smart for your heart:** Learn about healthy foods for a healthy heart, Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Healthy shopping and label reading:** Learn how to read and understand food labels in order to make wiser food choices; Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Quit Smoking:** A two-week workshop to help people quit smoking. A five-week supply of nicotine patches will be provided; Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information about these workshops and others offered by Bridges Community Health Centre call 905-871-7621.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

(Top) Lori Dawn Anzaya served hot chili to Polar Bear Dip participants. (Right) About 42 people participated in the Polar Bear Dip at the Bertie Boat Club in Crystal Beach Saturday afternoon.



## Brave souls go for a dip in cold Lake Erie waters

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

When his toes touched the water for the first time, Corey Spiece knew his body was in for a shock.

"It literally takes your breath away and it's almost like your heart stops," he said.

Spiece was one of 42 people—both young and old—that dipped into the icy waters of Lake Erie for the 5th Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge hosted by the

Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association at the Bertie Boat Club.

Spiece learned about the Polar Bear Dip Saturday morning and decided to try it out. Taking the plunge into freezing water was something that will likely become an annual tradition for him.

"Oh yeah, absolutely it's something I want to do again," he said.

As long as his doctor and his wife give him permission, Stephen Passero said he'll be back for the 6th Polar Bear Dip in 2015.

"I've participated in all five years of this event. In fact I've finally finished defrosting from last year's dip," Passero laughed.

Dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, Passero waited in anticipation to run down the boat ramp to take a quick swim in Lake Erie.

Moments before he took went for a dip, Passero explained why the Polar Bear Dip is an important event in the community.

"It's a tremendous community event that brings a lot of people together," he said.

Bob Cosby, of the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit, was one of three men that stood in the water and watched as the crowd of people participated in the dip.

"A lot of people like to splash that's for sure," he said.

Cosby's job was to make sure no one passed the roped-off area where participants were allowed in the water.

"Our job is to make sure no one slips under the ice and gets too far," he said.

He said this year was the

second time that the underwater recovery unit was on hand to make sure the dip ran as smoothly as possible.

"This year we pushed sand down the ramp from the hill to cover ice to make sure no one slipped."

Fortunately, the event ran smoothly, he said.

Although Cosby wore a special wetsuit meant for underwater recoveries, he

admitted he the cold pierced through his suit.

"Oh yeah, you still feel it," he said.

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### MEASURING YOUR EXPOSURE TO NOISE

Because most people tend to underestimate how much they are exposed to noise, audiologists often require their patients to keep detailed diaries, and personal fitness trainers may require their clients to wear pedometers. They use by keeping track of how many calories they actually consume or how many steps they take, people can get a clearer idea of what they want to do to stay healthy. Similarly, hearing specialists, audiologists and ear, nose, and throat surgeons have a tool at their disposal that enables people to see exactly how much noise they are exposed to. A personal "noise diary" measures noise over specific periods and shows the level of a person's risk of noise-related hearing damage.

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## Do You Remember?

Although we still don't know the names of the ladies in last week's photo, we do know that they were members of Beachcombers Senior Citizens Association during a Christmas bazaar at the West End arena in 1980.

If you know anyone in the photo, it is not too late to phone or e-mail us.

Our thanks to all of our readers for following along each week, and persevering to give us more identifications and share memories.

The Christmas Toyland photo from Dec. 12 (left) is almost fully identified thanks

to the collaboration of Beth Bartista and Maggie Smith Ort, The Toyland photo shows the four group of singers from Bertie Senior School, Class of 1974.

Marsha Webb is the girl dressed as a Christmas present, Dawn Pyke standing beside her. Seated over the 'L' is Donna Burton and over the 'T' in Toyland is Karen Burke (with bangs) flanked by Dianne Naylor on our left and Brenda Bradt on our right. Over the 'S' in Christmas is Andrea VanderKann and Liz Sherk is seated over the 'T' in Christmas.

Patty Napier is standing at the back with 'rosy 'clown' cheeks with Liz Plato (with hat) standing beside her.

The girl in the far left back row is Judy Fretz with Karen Schier standing beside her.

The girl in the back row, far right under the candy cane is Becky Benner. In front of Becky is Mr. MacDonald, one of the teachers in charge of the tour group.

If you know the girl who is learning to ski in this week's photo, call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@fort-erie.on.ca.

## This year make a New Year's resolution that makes sense



Dr. Gifford Jones  
The Doctor's Game

Where do I get ideas for this column?

Normally, from reliable medical sources. But this New Year's resolution comes from The Daily Reckoning, a financial publication. Its advice is sound for all of us as we start 2014. Its topics "The Parable of Taganga".

A U.S. investment adviser

was visiting a small fishing village in Columbia called Taganga. As he strolled along the pier, a fisherman appeared with his daily catch. The basket contained four tilapia.

When the American was told the fish had been caught quickly he said, "So why didn't you catch more fish?"

The fisherman replied, "This is all I need to feed my family."

So the American asked, "How do you spend the rest of the day?"

The Columbian answered, "I have a sista with my wife, play with my children, talk with friends, drink a little wine or sing with my amigos. It's a good life."

The American then suggested, "You could fish longer, sell the fish and with more money buy another boat and soon have your own

fleet of ships. Eventually you cut out the middleman and sell straight to the distributor. You could become so successful you'd end up in New York City running your tilapia empire, have a public stock offering and become filthy rich!"

"How long would this take?" the fisherman asked.

"Maybe 25 years," the American replied.

"But what would I do then?" the Columbian asked.

The investment advisor replied, "This is the best part

You could retire, move to this quaint fishing village. Then you could fish, enjoy sestas with your wife, play with your children, sip wine and sing with your amigos."

As we enter 2014 it's ironic that millions of North Americans, who hate their jobs, try to work hard all their lives hoping that at some

time they too can lie on a beach in Florida or some other beautiful location like Taganga. Some make it to that beach, but there are millions who never do.

Nor can many decide to pack their bags, say "to hell" with what they're doing, and start fishing in Taganga.

So what can be done to make 2014 a more relaxing year without such a dramatic change of scenery?

Over the years I've seen innumerable patients who needed to spend a few days with a Columbian fisherman.

Those who have never learned to live within their means or realize it's possible to be happy with less. That it is not necessary to buy every new gismo that comes on the market.

Yet hardly a day goes by without the temptation to

open their wallets and go further into debt.

During 2014 others will not learn to separate the possible from the impossible with even a trainload of psychiatrists to help them. Some of my patients had an incompetent boss who should never have been promoted. Unfortunately, unless they won the lottery, there was no way to tell the boss to go to hell and quit.

Similarly if your wife has suddenly run away with your best friend, you need more than a winning lottery ticket as a solution.

I've always believed that Stalin, who was never a role model, had at least one good suggestion when he remarked, "You have to live with the devil until you reach the end of the bridge."

We must all accept and live with a problem until the right

solution comes along and not, in the meantime, kill ourselves with stress.

Voltaire was right when he wrote, "Most men live lives of quiet desperation." It's highly unlikely that the desperation of many will diminish in 2014. Today, people can't escape the constant pressure of new ideas, behaviours and technology.

But, thank Lady Luck that you live in this country. The Happy Planet Index reports that the island of Vanuatu in the Pacific is the happiest place on earth, Germany, the most stressful, and Mexico the least.

Remember, some stress is good. Animals in the jungle would not last the night without it. My best wishes for a healthy and less stressful 2014.

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# Opinion page

## Library staff continue to share favourite books



**Amy Roebuck**  
Fort Erie Public Library

Children can learn and have fun at the many events just for them at the library.

Ready to Read is a program of reading, writing, talking, singing and playing for one-and-a-half to five year-olds.

Pre-registration is not required for these sessions,

held on Tuesday mornings at the Centennial branch, and Wednesday mornings at Crystal Ridge. A \$2 fee is payable for each session. Horn to Read, for babies and their caregivers will be offered each Thursday afternoon from today through Jan. 30 at the Centennial branch.

Born to Read is an early literacy program that includes bounces, tickles, rhymes, music, movement, book sharing and more.

Participants should bring a small blanket and favourite stuffed toy. A \$2 fee is payable at each session; pre-registration is required.

Knitting lessons offered by the Bowen Road Women's Institute for ages eight to 14 resume at the Crystal Ridge branch tonight at 6:30 p.m.,

and the Lego Maker Club is back at the Stevensville branch this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Call any branch or check the website for more details.

School children and homeschoolers in Grades 3 to 8, now is the time to prepare for a spelling challenge which will be held at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Will you become the last speller standing at the Fort Erie Spelling Bee, sponsored by the library in partnership with the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie to celebrate Family Literacy Day?

The top two finishers in each age group will be award-

ed a prize.

Library and literacy council volunteers serve as judges and emcees; refreshments are provided. Registration is now open; call any branch during library hours to sign up. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend to cheer on the spellers. Word lists are on the library website [www.fepl.ca](http://www.fepl.ca), under For Kids, Events and Programs.

We have been sharing our staff picks of the best books for adults in 2013.

Today, we offer our top choices for children. From the picture book section, freshly minted grandmother Debbie Ashworth will be reading I broke my trunk! by Mo Willems to her new granddaughter.

Jean Christie and her grandchildren enjoy Digger, Dozer, Dumper by Hope Vestergaard. Jo Nash and I think that The Day the Crayons Quit by Oliver Jeffers is hilarious.

Nelly Weaver pays tribute to the late Barbara Park by suggesting the slightly subversive Junie B. Jones books as a fun read for children just starting to tackle chapter books.

For older readers, Children's and Teen Librarian Laura Martin recommends the Infinity Ring series by James Dashner.

Laura Rudynski-Martino has selected an old favourite, Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry and a brand new title, Fortunately the Milk by Neil Gaiman as

her choices.

Holds may be placed on any of these books with a phone call, or through the library website.

If you are looking for more ideas for great children's books, ask Laura Martin and the rest of the staff. Have a happy new year of reading!

Movies at the library this week include Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 on Saturday.

The Family Starting Robert DeNiro on Monday evening and Jan. 13 and 14, The Butler starring Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey on Thursday, Jan. 16.

*Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.*

## COPE celebrates 31 years of service

*Dear Editor,*

Community Program Outreach Erie is pleased to celebrate its 31st anniversary this year.

The challenge at COPE's is to keep our doors open and keep on providing emergency food to community members who are dealing with hardships. Additionally, the distribution of donated clothing and housewares continues to be a successful part of COPE's services.

We are thankful for the generosity and kindness of everyone who supports COPE: individuals and families, business owners, churches, schools, social groups.

Thank you for your food donations, financial support, donations of clothing and small household items, and for supporting the penny and coin drive. People continue to bring in pennies almost every day, and each penny makes a difference. Since the penny drive started in August 2012, almost \$12,000 has been raised.

Community members really stepped up to the plate this Christmas season, as well as throughout the entire year.

Thank you to those people who make anonymous dona-

tions to COPE. We don't always know who you are, but please know that your gifts to COPE are very appreciated. Thanks to the people who provide a service to COPE, free of charge.

The success of COPE is only possible due to dedication, teamwork, community spirit, and caring people.

COPE is located at 32 Dufferin St. For more information call 905-871-2526. As they always have been, the services of COPE are available to the entire community of Greater Fort Erie.

*Barb Voize*  
COPE

## Reader: Time to move on from Bay Beach project

*Dear Editor,*

The Bay Beach Condo saga is at last over finally.

There will be those who will still bemoan the fact that it will not be built, but these are the few that will continue to complain about it.

We must now go on to promote the future of our area.

Our pristine beach needs to be promoted as a family-place to come to. This is how that beach started back in 1889 and

it grew from there.

Our area has a vast historical collection to work with and showcase. The forts, the battlefields, the battles, the Point Abino Lighthouse, museums, other places and events that have happened in our realm must be promoted as never before.

Take into consideration Upper Canada Village, Williamsburg, VA and Niagara-on-the-Lake. These places didn't just happen—they were promoted into being.

In Ridgeway, we have an active Artist community in the Successory, a micro brewery, Ridgeway Fest, the Polar Dip, so many happenings to promote.

The sport fishing in Lake Erie area is a multimillion dollar business. We have some of the best fishing, marinas, docking and launching facilities in Crystal Beach and the surrounding area, and none of this is really promoted to any great length.

Fort Erie boasts a new fire hall along with the train museum, but did you know that the Fort Erie LaFrance Association has the only collection of antique fire trucks and equipment in this region along with its own fire hall? This Association is struggling to keep on going. It has virtually no support to speak of from the area. Deep in every one's heart we all love old fire

engines.

It's not going to be easy. The people of Fort Erie have to wake up and smell the roses. The complainers have to stop complaining and become more community minded. We have to stop the madness of fighting and bickering amongst ourselves, and set our goal.

We can turn this around. We can make this happen.

*Peter Geo*  
Ridgeway

## Typhoon victims still in need

*Dear Editor,*

Another year has passed and many of us were fortunate enough to celebrate the season of love and friendship with those that are near and dear to us.

We unwrapped our gifts, and enjoyed turkey surrounded by the coziness of what we each are fortunate enough to call home.

But for some, like the victims of Super-Typhoon Haiyan, Christmas came and went without celebration as people continued to grieve their losses and line up for their rations which were meager to start out with and had been pillaged by the hands that held them first.

On Nov. 8 Typhoon Haiyan barreled through the island of Leyte, and the town of MacArthur became one of the many that were affected by the storm's destructive wrath. A new life greets them in the coming year. Homes, livelihoods, and for some, friends and family, gone.

Stores, schools and churches, gone. Roads blocked with debris hampers the rescue efforts, in some of the hardest hit areas, the stench of the dead hangs as a grim reminder.

Two months later, the people in these areas struggle to recover from this disaster.

Rescue and aid efforts have been slow. Aid should be meted out fairly to all in the areas but in the town of MacArthur, the dispensing of aid has been less than fair. When aid finally arrived in MacArthur it wasn't until two weeks after the typhoon and only five times for all those there.

People walk for miles because of the extreme gas prices or wait in line in the heat hoping to receive enough rations to survive. What they get has been pillaged by the hands that delivered it. About 10 kilos of rice becomes mysteriously pared down to two. Needed goods arrive two out of a dozen. Medicine intended for the victims becomes waylaid to be sold on the black market.

Just a month after the typhoon, the Department of Social Welfare and Development announced that aid would be cut back near the end of December. Only families with special needs, and the elderly are receiving further supplies, and only be delivered to certain drop centers.

The town still has no electricity, thereby relying on one of the most environmentally friendly sources of energy, the sun. Solar light kits are in high demand so the price of these kits is very high. Only a few can afford them. Debris still remains on the side of the road sitting in stagnant pools of water for weeks. The rise of mosquito borne diseases like dengue fever has become prevalent.

Aid for Typhoon Haiyan Victims is a non-profit organization raising money and collecting donations for the victims in MacArthur Leyte.

Our goal is to raise \$5000 to help the town's school, and road clean-up. We are also hoping to bring a little after Christmas present to the people by bringing them their list of wishes. We have put up the list on our Facebook page campaign called Aid for Typhoon Haiyan Victims.

Please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AidforTyphoonHaiyanVictims> Thank you

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING DOWNTOWN RIDGEWAY and DOWNTOWN BRIDGEBURG COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS (C.I.P.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM in the ATRIUM at TOWN HALL

*This Public Information Meeting is not a legislated Public Meeting under the Planning Act.  
Public input is invited at this time for staff consideration in preparing a formal draft of the CIPs.*

The Town of Fort Erie have initiated Community Improvement Plans (CIPs) for the **downtown commercial and core mixed use areas of Ridgeway and Bridgeburg**. Efforts are underway to establish incentive programs to assist in stimulating investment and renewal in these commercial core areas. Each of these downtowns have been through the Secondary Plan process (OPA 15 and OPA 5 respectively) and have received local adoption.

As part of the background work undertaken for the Secondary Plans, the downtowns had been identified as being prime candidates for CIP incentives, which would require steps for creation and implementation at the local level. Essentially, the process involves defining a boundary limit or "Project Area" in each of the downtown areas (typically the commercial limits) and then determining incentive programs that would be applied to each Project Area. Staff have commenced informal consultations with stakeholders and are now inviting public comment on draft incentive programs and draft project areas used in the early consultations.

Planning staff are working towards implementing "model" incentive programs that can be applied to any of the Town's older established downtown core areas once a Secondary Plan has been completed for their respective communities.

These model Incentive programs are currently draft and comprise:

- A commercial Façade Improvement Program;
- A commercial Signage Program; and
- A Residential Intensification Incentive Program, geared to increase residential dwellings / apartments above commercial in the downtown areas.

Town staff are proceeding with program development based on one-time grant incentive funding for the draft "model" programs. The Planning Act (Section 28) and the Municipal Act (Section 365.1) allows municipalities to structure and administer incentive programs, and together with other sources of funding (Region of Niagara), are seeking to maximize available program funding. **Town staff are looking for public comment at this time, as they prepare to bring forward formal drafts of the Project Areas/Incentive Programs and funding formulas.**

All public are invited to attend and review displays, collect hand-out material and ask available staff questions about the proposed CIP Programs being developed.

For further information please contact:

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# Burroughs: Region must 'get back on track' in New Year

Jeff Bolichowski  
Special to The Times

Regional council must find its focus and get back to work after a tough 2013, said Niagara Regional Chair Gary Burroughs.

He acknowledged 2013 was a difficult year for the Region, between a wave of senior staff departures and a discipline controversy on council. For 2014, he said, council must "get back on track" and focus on the needs of Niagara residents.

"It's certainly, from the (council's) point of view, been on, been a challenge. And that's why I'm talking about the refocusing," he said.

With a municipal election looming in October, Burroughs—who said last year he plans to run for chairman again—voiced hope councilors would campaign on their own time.

"My issue is, let's keep doing Regional business and try to keep the electioneering outside Regional business time."

Ahead of the October vote, the Region faces a laundry list of big issues from starting work on a new Burgoyne Bridge—which the Region had to find another \$25.5 million to budget toward—to building a new wastewater treatment plant in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

And the Region is pencilled in to host the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference this year, too.

That comes after the Region saw the seeds of a culture shift planted when longtime chief administrative officer Mike Trojan retired in mid-2013. The Region was already without its corporate services commissioner and deputy treasurer.

Councillors began replenishing the roster by hiring Harry Schlange as CAO. Mo Lewis was brought in as interim

finance chief, and the Region is seeking new permanent commissioners for finance and public works.

"It's certainly a culture change," Burroughs said.

"This is a change. We're still early. ... We'll have to identify exactly how the change is going to take place and where are the gaps."

Also difficult for the Region in 2013 was the issue of council discipline.

Councillors ultimately hired Robert Swayze as integrity commissioner.

His impact was felt when he chastised St. Catharines councillor Andy Petrowski for two incidents involving regional staff, though Petrowski disputed the findings.

"It was again a challenge in 2013 just dealing with the issue," Burroughs said of the integrity talks. "I think we have dealt with the issue in the correct way."

He touted breaking ground on the new Niagara Regional Police headquarters as a positive from 2013.

"After years of debating

back and forth, we're going ahead with that," Burroughs said.

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# Councillor continues to push for new aquatic facility

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

The Kinsmen Pool drew people from across Fort Erie and it may do so once again.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero believes the pool could be reopened by the summer and in order to do so, he is facilitating a discussion between the Town of Fort Erie and the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit. If an agreement is reached, the underwater recovery unit

would lease the facility from the Town and oversee its day-to-day operations.

Although it will be difficult to renovate and reopen the pool in time for the warm weather, Passero said "nothing is impossible."

My long-term goal is to replace the pool with a new modern facility indicative of what you can find in any other municipality because I believe we should have one," Passero said.

The cost for a new aquatic

facility is expensive and can range anywhere from \$1.5 to \$2 million. Passero said reopening the current pool as an interim measure is ideal.

The pool would remain public, however, leasing it to a nonprofit organization would allow for applications to be made for grants that aren't available when the pool is operated by the Town, Passero said.

Before a lease agreement is made, both council and the

underwater recovery unit would have to approve it.

"The lease needs to be presented to the underwater recovery unit and council," Passero said.

"I'll be asking through budget deliberations for some funding from town council as well."

Passero said he will ask the town to pay for the pool's water bill and for mechanical filtration and chlorination systems to be inspected to ensure they are working

properly.

"They (the filtration and chlorination systems) are in excellent shape but need some TLC as they have been sitting idle for two years," he added.

The cost of repairing the 45-year-old pool is still unknown.

"Right now, we're in the process of having contractors come in and give us those estimates. We're very aware of the operational costs," Passero said.

The pool has been closed for two summers as a result of a decision council made to close the pool and pursue alternatives for a replacement. But council voted against building a new aquatic facility as well as refurbish the old pool.

Passero said he doesn't plan on giving up on the idea of reopening the Kinsmen Pool, and eventually seeing a state-of-the-art aquatic facility built in Fort Erie.

"I think many facets of the community think it's a worthwhile project. I'm hoping those who are interested and can contribute will join us."

Passero said a Kinsmen Fundraising Committee was formed seven years ago to help with raising funds for a new pool.

"We have had several fundraisers thanks to a committee with many dedicated individuals and hundreds of people that came forward to support us, Passero said.

"It was the committee that paid for a portion of the demonstrations that were done to demonstrate to council the desire of the public to replace the pool," he added.

But without council's support, the committee disbanded two years ago.

"The committee's position is if they could not get the support of council, future fundraisers would be in vain."

Passero said a municipal contribution must be in place before other avenues for funding can be seriously explored.

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# PC leader Tim Hudak emphasizes importance on jobs

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak remains hopeful a byelection will bring to light the need for job opportunities in Fort Erie and the Niagara region.

Hudak said the byelection to replace Liberal MPP Kim Craitor may be called sometime this week, but he

couldn't say for sure when it would happen.

"We don't know when the byelection will be but it needs to be by the end of March," Hudak added.

The top concern for Fort Erie and the rest of Niagara is the need for more manufacturing jobs according to Hudak.

"Fort Erie and Niagara have become ground zero for manufacturing jobs," he said.

Hudak said the closures of the John Deere plant in Welland as well as Jarvis Street Pharma Plus and Verit Communications in Fort Erie have had a negative impact on employment in the Niagara region.

"It wasn't that long ago that Ontario had the highest employment rate and Niagara was leading the province. Now the region has one of the highest unemployment rates,"

Hudak said.

"I believe Fort Erie and the Niagara region may once again become a leader," he said.

The PC leader said "everything stems from good jobs" to improve daily life for Niagara residents.

Hudak said he's developed a plan to put into action that includes balancing the books in the province, spending within the government's means,

lowering taxes, controlling energy rates and reducing provincial rules and "red tape" to encourage new business.

Hudak said another priority on his list is to see the new south Niagara hospital on the outskirts of Niagara Falls.

"We need to make the hospital a priority. I'm frustrated it's been more than a year and a half since Kevin Smith made his recom-

mendations and we haven't seen anything."

Hudak said a new hospital would see many new doctors and specialists bring state-of-the-art medical care.

Niagara Falls Progressive Conservative candidate Bart Maves will run once Wynne calls a byelection.

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# Fire prevention officer still enjoys helping others

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

After more than 30 years of services as a member of the Fort Erie Fire Department, Doug Atkins still has a passion for helping others.

"I don't think you ever get tired of helping somebody," he said.

The public safety officer and Company No. 6 district fire Chief was inspired to join the Fort Erie Fire Department during the Blitzard of 1977.

"The volunteers of Crystal Beach were out and about checking on our safety," he said.

"I thought that I should be out there helping the community instead of sitting on the couch inside and warm."

Atkins said down with the Fort Erie Times to talk about his career working with the fire department.

**Question:** What is the best part of your job?

**Answer:** Dealing with children. They're great. When you talk to kids about fire safety, they get all excited. They said don't like to go into the fire hall and see everything that happens there?

**Q:** After all these years serv-

ing the Fort Erie Fire Department, what keeps you coming to work?

**A:** I'm at the tail end of my career and when I first joined the fire service, it was all about serving the community. It still is all about community.

**Q:** You recently shaved off your mustache as part of the West End Community Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul. How long have you had your mustache?

**A:** I've had it for about 25 years, I'm not quite sure.

**Q:** How did you come up with the idea to shave your mustache?

**A:** I was talking with the guys at the fire hall and November was really a catalyst for it.

Some guys grew mustaches for a month and for \$200 I said I would do it, but the guys really jumped on it and we made \$300. It was sad because I think they took some kind of delight in it.

**Q:** After having a mustache for so long, how do you feel about having a shaved face?

**A:** It's a little bare and it's a little light. It's funny how air can touch my lips

**Q:** How long do you think it

will take you to grow your mustache back?

**A:** I don't know because it was more than 25 years ago when I first grew it. I'm not sure if when you're younger, a mustache will take less time to grow. I guess we'll find out.

**Q:** What do you think people don't realize about the people who work in your profession?

**A:** I don't think they (people) understand the guys' profession they make to the community. When the guys leave a party, a dinner, or they are awakened from their sleep, they are responding to a call. Unless it's like that big fire on Princess St. (that occurred on Nov. 28) these calls go unnoticed.

**Q:** Do you remember how you felt when you first became a volunteer firefighter?

**A:** You can talk to any person and you can see the excitement on his or her face. There is an adrenaline rush that I had to be the first person dressed and the first person on scene and right in the action. I'd be dressed when a call came in and my wife would be up with me and she'd hand me my keys. Now she sleeps through it and

asks me in the morning if I had any calls.

**Q:** Do you lose that zest for fighting fire and promoting fire safety after a few years of service?

**A:** As you get older and have more years of experience it's not quite the same. You do see things differently.

**Q:** How many calls for fire does the Fort Erie Fire Department receive on a daily basis?

**A:** Some days you go without a call and other days you get two or three calls. Last year (2012) we had 700 calls, which is down from 900 from the previous year. This is a good thing because it means we're not losing property. Fire prevention is really key.

**Q:** What is the most frustrating part of your job?

**A:** Sometimes when we respond to a fire call, some people don't respond to the sound of the fire alarm and they don't leave the building or the apartment building they are in. It's frustrating for us because we never know if there's a real fire and we've got to worry about the people who didn't vacate the building.

**Q:** Is it common for people



Doug Atkins

not to leave their apartment building when they hear a fire alarm?

**A:** Yes. People always need to react when they hear the fire alarm. If you hear the fire alarm, get out and go to your designated meeting place. Don't be taking time to gather your valuables.

**Q:** How often do you identify homes that don't have working smoke alarms?

**A:** From our smoke alarm program we run in the summer, on average, it always works out to 18% of homes we detect homeowners are not in

compliance with a working smoke alarm.

**Q:** In terms of fire safety and prevention, what advice would you offer to members of the community?

**A:** I want people to take their safety seriously and have a fire safety plan. I do many presentations to groups each year and when I return the next year and when I ask people if they have developed a safety plan there has been no improvement.

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## Who will be selected for Fort Erie Time's 1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards?

We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these often unsung heroes who do so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by The Fort Erie Times and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

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| 3. Historical Contribution      | 8. Safety                | 12. Community Events            |
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| 5. Protecting the Environment   |                          |                                 |

In addition to the 12 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie Times.

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1. Complete the nomination form along with a brief note outlining the nominee's contribution by FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> 2014
2. Mail, fax, phone, e-mail or drop off your nominations to The Fort Erie Times 450 Gershon Road, Fort Erie Ontario L2A 1N2 or E-Mail [myra.robertson@sunmedia.ca](mailto:myra.robertson@sunmedia.ca)
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# Lions Air Cadet Sponsoring Committee chairman honoured with award

Charles McMillen  
Special to The Times

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During the event, about 39

cadets demonstrated their  
marching, band and drill  
proficiency before  
the cadets' parents.

During the evening  
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chairman of the Lions Air  
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# youth receives top honours in U.S. sculling meet

➤ Lucinda Barrett wins first place with combined score of 104.5

**Tonawanda Aquettes**  
Special to The Times

Lucinda Barrett received top honours during a scull-

ing swim meet hosted by the Town of Tonawanda Aquettes.

The Lakeshore Catholic High School student from Fort Erie took first place

with a combined score of 104.5.

Barrett is in her year with the Aquettes and competes in the 13 to 15 intermediate divisions.

The meet, which was held at Sweet Home High School in Amherst, NY, saw about 130 athletes from five teams compete which included the Aquettes, Buffalo Swimkins, Keuka Kokanees, Rochester Southtowns and the Dolphintons YMCA.

Swimmers competed in

five skill levels, each divided into separate age groups. Swimmers rotated in groups to different judging stations. Scores were averaged and combined to compute each athletes overall score.

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Diabetic patients taking hypoglycemics such as GLYBURIDE or insulin are at risk of severe hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) when they drink alcohol. These patients should limit alcohol to an occasional single drink.

Any patient on medication for sleeping should be careful of alcohol consumption because of the adverse effects of drowsiness and respiratory depression. Patients have been known to aspirate their own vomit and die from intoxication. This could be more likely to happen if a person mixes alcohol with their sleep medication.

This same problem could exist when patients mix alcohol and opiates.

It is always wise to consult your pharmacist or physician if you receive a new prescription and intend to have a few alcoholic beverages. Also please notify your physician or pharmacist if you are a chronic drinker. Even if you are not planning to drink while taking your prescription previous liver damage could affect how well you metabolize your medication. This could result in too high, or too low a dose for you.

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# Meteors lose 4-3 decision in favour of St. Catharines

Collin Stachura  
For The Times

What should've played out as a David Versus Goliath ended up becoming a clash of the titans.

After losing a 4-1 decision in favour of Niagara Falls on Friday night, the Fort Erie Meteors lost a hard-fought 4-3 battle to the St. Catharines Falcons in overtime Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisuresplex.

The Falcons improved their record against the Meteors to 4-0 in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's Golden Horseshoe Conference.

With a new year and two losses, head coach Chris Johnstone wouldn't change anything about the way the Meteors played against St. Catharines this past weekend.

"I liked a lot of what we did. We gave ourselves a point and a chance to win. (St. Catharines) is one of the best teams in the league," Johnstone said of Saturday night's game.

What started off as a game

that should have been a blowout, ended up becoming a hard-hitting fight to the end, Saturday night.

The Falcons dominated the first period as Aaron Taylor scored a goal and Yanni Rallis also added to the scoreboard on a power play. But it was the Meteors who struck first with a power play goal scored by Braden Kavaratzis in just a little over two minutes into the first period.

Fort Erie's Kavaratzis scored the only goal

in the second period, on the second power play of the night.

With the Falcons' Kevin Guzzo striking first in the third period and the Meteors' Kyle Marino answering back, the game headed to overtime with the Falcons' Ryan Doucette scoring the game winner.

With over 13 penalties in the first two periods alone this was a hard-hitting unexpected battle to the end.

Johnstone said

there's no doubt the game was "well fought" with over 65 shots on net shared between the two teams.

The Fort Erie Meteors have a record of seven wins and 22

losses for a total of 19 points, while the St. Catharines Falcons have 30 wins and three losses for a total of 60 points in regular season standings.

The Fort Erie Meteors will have another chance to battle the Falcons when St. Catharines hosts a rematch at the Jack Galeci Arena on Friday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m.



COLLIN STACHURA Special To The Times

St. Catharines Falcons' Ryan Doucette scored the winning goal on Meteors goaltender Matt Baker to give the Falcons the 4-3 win in overtime, Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisuresplex.

## Scoring summary

Period one  
Fort Erie: Braden Kavaratzis, 6:04  
St. Catharines: Aaron Taylor, 7:28; Yanni Rallis, 13:16

Period two  
Fort Erie: Braden Kavaratzis, 8:17

Period three  
St. Catharines: Kevin Guzzo, 3:32  
Fort Erie: Kyle Marino, 12:03

Overtime  
St. Catharines: Ryan Doucette, 3:09

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## State of Fort Erie

**Wednesday, January 29, 2014**  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre, 1485 Garrison Road  
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- Mayoral Address
- Economic Development & Tourism update
- FE Chamber of Commerce update

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**BUSINESS AFTER FIVE:**  
Members are encouraged to attend the January BA5 hosted by the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Road on Thursday, January 23 from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy networking with the business community, refreshments, facility tours and door prizes. Please RSVP 905-871-3803.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY NETWORKING LUNCHEON:**  
The community is invited to celebrate IWD on Friday, March 7 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre. Enjoy a delicious luncheon, shopping at exhibitor booths, door prizes. Featuring guest speaker Debbie Zimmerman (former Chair of the Niagara Region, current Regional Councillor and CEO of the Grape Growers of Ontario. Advanced tickets required. 905-871-3803.

**SOUTHERN TIER MAYOR'S LUNCHEON on Friday, March 28**  
Come for lunch and hear presentations from the mayors of Fort Erie, Welland, Wainfleet, Port Colborne, Pelham, and Niagara Falls. Advanced tickets are required. 905-871-3803.

**STATE OF THE REGION**  
on Friday, April 4. Hear Niagara Regional Chair Gary Burroughs as he presents his annual address to the business community. Advanced tickets are required. 905-871-3803.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
on Thursday, April 24 at the beautiful Buffalo Canoe Club. Come network, peruse information booths, enjoy a delicious meal, cocktails, and witness the swearing in of the new Chamber's newest board of directors. Advanced tickets are required. 905-871-3803.



CMA MARTIAL ARTS Special to The Times

CMA Martial Arts held a Christmas party and awards night at their Gilmore Rd. Dojo on Dec. 17. From left, Jeff Lyons won most supportive student, Marc Sado Cabezo; most improve beginner, Bella Wilkes; student of the year 2013, Renee Harper; most improved senior student and John Duggan; Laido award.

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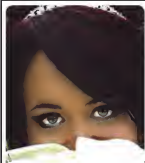
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**Eliza Jane & Edie Mae Holdsworth**  
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Completely thrilled are proud parents Andrew & Malory Holdsworth, great-grandmothers Edna Christie & Jenny Bystratosch, great-grandfather Gerry Christie and their many excited great-uncles, great-aunts and cousins. Special congratulations also come from their uncles Michael Owen who is currently living in Malaysia and Daniel Holdsworth who luckily can change diapers in Fort Erie.



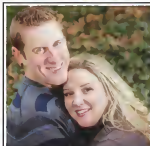
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You've grown to exceed my expectations!  
I am Truly Blessed!!  
Love You!  
Love Mom!



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**WALPOLE, Gladys Mabel** - Born July 12, 1901. Gladys passed away peacefully on December 14, 2013 at Greater Niagara General Hospital in her 83rd year. She lived in Fort Erie & is survived by her husband, Albert Walpole, her daughter Debbie, Robert (Wood) and her son David Walpole of Fort Erie. Predeceased by her daughter Sally Walpole and son Albert Walpole Jr. husband of Wendy Walpole of Fort Erie. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. At Gladys' request cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Pamela Yasko and Marc Yasko are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter,  
**Martine Elise Yasko to Ryan James Lidbetter,**  
son of James and Karyn Lidbetter.  
A June wedding is planned.

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**COULIS, Gerald R.** - Gerry went to be the Lord at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday, January 8th, 2014 at the age of 92. Loving husband of Josephine. Proud father of Donna (David) Symonds, Patrick (the late Fay) Coulis, Robert (Janice) Coulis, Frances (Wes) Cook, Christine (Stephen) Schaller, Michael (Elizabeth) Coulis and Pamela (Rue) Barwick. Also survived by 20 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Gerry was looking forward to this spring Charlebad brother of Lon LaBene. Predeceased by a granddaughter Dawn Elizabeth and 8 brothers and sisters. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 11th from 11 am until the time of funeral in the chapel at 1 pm. Interment to follow. If so desired, donations to the South Niagara Life Centre would be appreciated by the family.



**FOWLER, Ivy** - Ivy passed away at the Crescent Park Lodge on Saturday January 4th, 2014 at the age of 91. Loving wife of the late Raymond. Proud mother of Joan (Richard) Winger and David (Beth) Fowler. Cherished grandmother of Michael (Morgan), Andrew (Bridget), Timothy, Adam (Jenile) and Jeff (Leah) and great-grandchildren of Kade, Ella, Charlotte, Ellen, Ben, Abbie, Jayvee and Mia. Sadly missed by her brother Ken Vinco. Predeceased by her brothers Bert and Ted and her sister Hilda. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday January 10th, from 10:30 until the time of service in the chapel at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to Community Outreach Program Fort Erie (COPE) would be appreciated by the family.

**MATTHEWS, Muriel** - December 17, 1929 - January 1, 2014 - On New Year's Day Muriel Matthews (nee Sheering) left this earthly world to join her husband Bedon for a dance in heaven. Muriel was the loving mother of Paul (Theora), Bill (Nadine) and Kim (Brian). She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren - Ryan, Derek, Madison, Peyton and Parker. Muriel is also survived by her sister Dorothy Cook, brother Lloyd (Bonnie) Sheering, sister-in-law Betty Courrier and brother-in-law Bob Matthews. She was predeceased by her brothers Arnold and Jack, brothers-in-law Bruce and Billy and sisters-in-law Meureen, Barb, Olga and Gladys. Muriel enjoyed her career as a nurse and obstetrics was her passion. She finished her career at Douglas Memorial Hospital, where she assisted in many births and was a comfort to many. Many thanks to those that made her final years comfortable, the staff of Maple Park Lodge and also Daisy Midgley, who was the best companion we could have hoped for. Visitation will be held at **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie on Friday the 10th of January from 4-6 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 11th at All Saints Anglican Church at 1pm. If one wishes, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society or All Saints Anglican Church.



**REEVES, Donna Marie** - Passed away at the Oakwood Park Lodge, Niagara Falls on Friday January 3, 2014 at the age of 84. Loving wife for 61 years to George Reeves. Beloved mother of Christopher, Richard (Barbara), James (Renee), and Tanya (the late Kirk/Nighting). Sadly missed by her grandchildren, Justin, Brent, Alicia, Chad, Dylan, Kristyn, Andrew, Jacob, Austin, Lauren, Gylar and Taylor. She was predeceased by her brother Robert Earl Jones. A service to celebrate Donna's life will be held at St. John's Stevensville United Church on Saturday January 11th at 2 pm. If so desired, donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements.



**PORTER, Shirley Ellen** - Passed away on January 4, 2014. Survived by husband Tom Politte, the most wonderful man in the world, who loved her unconditionally and always. Also survived by son Jimmy Porter (Dennis), daughter Ellen Dennis (Jimmy), mother Verma Jamieson, brothers Charles Jamieson (Marge) and Arnold Jamieson, and sister Linda Joyce (Kevin) and grandchildren Brandon, Vasek and Khloe. Predeceased by her father Loris Jamieson and sister Joanna Jamieson. She will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and dear friends. Shirley was a senior construction manager and a cosmetologist and beautician. She enjoyed soft ball and classic bowling. She was also Princess of the Indian Delore League and a life long member of the Fort Erie Native Center and the American Community Center. An extra special thanks to her nurse Elizabeth and to Dr. Scher, and to Karen from the Fort Erie Native Center. A celebration of life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 71, Fort Erie on Saturday January 25 from 1 - 5pm. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-4103.



**REID, Bun (Bernard)** - Bun passed away at home on Friday January 3rd, 2014 at the age of 82. Loving husband of over 63 years to Bertha. Proud father of Randall (Luz), Rhonda (Hob), Rick (Lori), Raschele (Jacques) and Becky (Dan). Loving grandfather of Dorne, Audra, Kevin, Jennifer, Jason, Marc, James and Jennifer. Great-grandfather of Connor, Lucas, Emilee Kaito and Cioe. Bun was looking forward to the birth of another great grandson this month. Sadly missed by his sister Verma, sisters in law Helen and Shirley and his son in law Ron. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and his large extended family and friends. Predeceased by his son in law Cast and his brother Lorrison. Bun enjoyed the outdoors, country music and Johnny Cash. He was a past president of the Fort Erie Conservation Club and an employee of Atlas Steel for over 30 yrs. A celebration of Bun's life will take place at the Fort Erie Optimal Hall on Monday January 6th at 11 am followed by a luncheon. If so desired, donations to the SPCA would be appreciated by the family.

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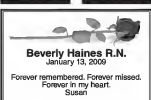
**JONES, Charles** - Charlie passed away at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Sunday January 5th, 2014 at the age of 84. Beloved husband of Theresa (nee Yendo). Sadly missed by his sister in law Emilie Yendo. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his siblings and parents. Charlie worked for Fiat Industries and was an active member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He served with Big Brothers and Sisters and worked with and on behalf of the Refugee community of Fort Erie. Charlie served in the British Armed Forces and was a member of Royal Canadian Legion Br. #71. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Wednesday January 8th from 4 - 7 pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday morning at 11 am. If so desired, donations to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



**MacKay, Leonard Douglas** - Died December 29th, 2013 unexpectedly at his home in St. Catharines at the age of 46. Best friend and husband of Roxanne (nee LaPlante). Proud father of Mariëse (Saan Everett) and Cordae (Charlie Stephens). He adored his grandchildren Rylee and Joshua. He is survived by his brother Rick. Len was a steamfitter and will always be remembered for his caring ways and eternal love for his family. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with private funeral arrangements. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

## In Memoriams

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**Beverly Haines R.N.**  
January 13, 2009

Forever remembered. Forever missed.  
Forever in my heart.  
Susan

## Obituaries



**STEVENSON, Robert Alexander** - Peacefully on December 28th, 2013. Bob lived his life to the fullest. He now joins his beloved wife Joan and son Dornie. He is survived by his daughters Barb Stevenson and Penny Chevalier (Mike) and his brother Bill Stevenson. Dearly remembered by all his grandchildren, Nic (Carrie), Chris (Bri), Carly (Tim), Patrick, Colleen & Cruz. Poppa Bob will be missed by his great grandchildren Connor, Madeline, Keaton and Myah. In June Pop will be smiling down on a special day when twin great grandchildren arrive. He will be in the thoughts of nephew Randy and niece Kim. Bob shared over 18 years with his good friend Joyce Lea and her family. Also survived by his daughter in law Andrea. Bob worked for the CN Rail for over 40 years. He enjoyed the North country in the summer where he and mom owned a cottage and wintered in Sebring Florida. Cremation has taken place. No service or visitation at Dad's request. Dad was a Fort Erie Lions member and in lieu of flowers he would have wanted any donations in his memory to go to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets 337 Squadron P.O. Box 459 Fort Erie, Ontario.

"Dad we hope there is a Gogama and vodka in heaven"

[www.bennerfuneralservices.com](http://www.bennerfuneralservices.com)

**UNGER, George** - George passed away peacefully on January 3rd, 2014 at the Welland Hospital. Loving husband of Lynda. Proud father of Rachel Unger (and her husband Alexander Eiser). Cherished brother of Inge. George will be sadly missed by his extended family and wonderful friends. George recently retired from ULC where he worked as an Engineer. He was a proud member of the Fort Erie Lions Club. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A celebration of George's life will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday January 8th at 11 am. The family would ask that if desired, memorial donations be directed to the ALS Clinic at Sunnybrook Hospital.

## In Memoriams

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**Lance LeRoy Jones**  
December 31, 1974 - January 12, 2005  
In loving memory of our son, brother, father and uncle.  
Our hearts still ache in sadness,  
Our silent tears still flow,  
For what it meant to lose you, Lance,  
No one will ever know.  
Love Mom & Dad, Mike & Selene,  
Jon & Dan, Skylar, Marshall, Nathaniel.

In loving memory of a dear father,  
**Harry J. Barnhart**  
who passed away January 6, 1984.  
His memory is as clear today  
as it was in the hour he passed away.  
Always remembered by your son.

## Obituaries



**TUPALA, Aarne** - Passed away November 28th, 2013 in his 84th year at the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Born in Asikkala Finland on August 17th, 1929, Aarne was the beloved husband of the late Margaret and proud father of Rod (Lisa) Tupala and Kim Tupala. He is sadly missed by his grandchildren Jessica, Ethan, Connor, Max, Mitchell and Kayleigh. Predeceased by his parents Isakki and Laina (Voorinen) Tupala, brothers Toimi and Tölvö Tupala and his sister Helmi (Rantanen) he is also survived by his extended family and friends in Canada, United States and Finland. Aarne worked as a millwright for Algoma Steel for over 30 years before retiring with Margaret to the Diamond Lake home that they had built over the previous years. He moved just 5 years ago to Fort Erie. He loved the outdoors spending countless hours fishing and hunting. His passion for sports led him to be very involved in a variety of sports with cross country skiing being a favorite and he was a founding member of the So Finist Club. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with private funeral arrangements. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be planned for June or July, 2014 in Sault Ste. Marie.

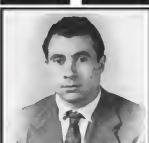
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**John Maturani**  
January 7, 2011

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
So thank you for loving and sharing,  
For giving and for caring.  
God bless you and keep you.  
Until we meet again.

Love Teresa, Loula, Anna  
(Sandy) and Megan



**Ryan Cecil Antone**

January 1, 1987 - December 31, 2008  
In loving memory of a dear grandson,  
son, uncle and nephew.  
Still loving you and missing you  
with all our hearts and souls.  
Happy Birthday, Baby-Boy.  
Love Mom, Dad, Tiffany, Kaden, and  
our new addition, Kiara, Gramma, Kim,  
Nate, Jessica, Maddox, Ethan & Nature.



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## JANUARY 10

### LASAGNA DINNER

hosted by the Fort Erie Lions Club. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lions Seniors Centre, 264 High St., Fort Erie. Adults \$11, children 10 and under \$5.

## JANUARY 16

### DINNER AT ITALO

Canadian Club to benefit Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. 1101 Dipietro Rd., Fort Erie. Tickets \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door. Children 5 to 12 are \$5. takeout \$7. For more information call 905-871-4029

## JANUARY 20

### CRAVING CHANGE

Information session about a six week workshop focused on changing your relationship with food. Sessions are expected to run Jan. 27 to March 10. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

## JANUARY 21

### EAT SMART

For your heart. Discover foods to eat for a healthy heart. Bridges

Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

## JANUARY 28

### HEART HEALTHY

shopping and label reading. Learn how to read and understand food labels so you can make wiser choices about what you eat. 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

## JANUARY 29

### STATE OF FORT ERIE

A breakfast discussion on the state of Fort Erie with a mayoral address from Doug Martin, an Economic Development and Tourism Update from EDC's general manager Jim Thibert and address from Chamber of Commerce president Dean Demizio. Clarion Hotel and Conference. 1485 Garrison Rd. Fort Erie. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Advanced tickets only. \$18 chamber members, \$22 non-members.

## FEBRUARY 12

### DEPRESSION WORKSHOP

Understand the symptoms of

different types of depression. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. For more information call 905-871-7621. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 14

### HAM DINNER

hosted by the Fort Erie Lions Club. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lions Seniors Centre, 264 High St., Fort Erie. Adults \$11, children 10 and under \$5.

## ONGOING

### BRAIN EMPOWERING

Team support group for individuals with chronic health conditions, survivors of stroke, those with neurological impairments and volunteers. Weekly meetings in Fort Erie include speakers reading about health issues and discussions. New members welcome. Call 905-871-7510 or 905-871-3948.

### SOCIAL GROUP

Drop in for a warm beverage and some lively conversation the first and third Tuesday of every month. 10 a.m. to noon. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Rd. No registration required. For more information call 905-871-7621.

## GROCERY STORE TOURS

Discover how to make healthy food choices, read labels and shop on a budget. Offered by Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. Tours will be scheduled based on expressed interest. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

## DIABETES HOT TOPICS

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. Feb. 5, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Your Eyes and Diabetes, Optometrist Dr. Dubé; March 6, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Dental Care and Diabetes, with dental hygienist, Nancy Pierce. Call Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie at 905-871-7621 for more information.

## NIAGARA ACTION

For Animals Bazaar every Saturday and Sunday and statutory holiday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the County Fair Mall. Proceeds to benefit local animals in need. For more information call Patricia Naylor at 905-871-7493.

## ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

of Niagara Region support groups for care partners meet the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Welland Community Wellness Complex, and second Wednesday of the month, same time, at Foyer Richelieu. For

information, call 905-687-3914.

## POINT ABINO

Lighthouse Guided tours are offered the second and fourth Saturday of the month between 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Departure from 1036 Point Abino Rd. S. Ridgeway, next to the Berrie Boat Club. Further info at [www.palps.ca](http://www.palps.ca).

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## ACAPELLA NIAGARA

Men's Chorus invites singers for fun, fellowship and fabulous four-part harmony at Welland Community Wellness Complex, 145 Lincoln St., on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. For info call Kerry at 289-620-6584.

## INFERTILITY SUPPORT

Individuals looking for a support group can find help. Niagara meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for anyone experiencing primary infertility. Call or text 289-421-4606 or e-mail [infertilityniagara@hotmail.com](mailto:infertilityniagara@hotmail.com) for location or more information.

# INTERCDE INTERNATIONAL

## Staff and Volunteers of the Year

On Thursday, December 5th, Intercde International a Fort Erie based national charity with outposts in 80 nations held its annual **Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet** in the All Nations Mission Centre in Ridgeway.

A banquet was served by Colombo Catering and awards were given out to all volunteers. Over the past 12 months Intercde has been blessed with many volunteers who gave of their time and talents.

## Volunteers of the Year



Alphonse Mayola Awarded Intercde International Volunteer of the Year Award



Lori Alvin Awarded Intercde International Volunteer of the Year Award



Teresa Summers Awarded Intercde International Volunteer of the Year Award



Victor Alvin Awarded Intercde International Volunteer of the Year Award



Enzo Herrera Awarded Intercde International 5 Year Milestone Award



Douglas Sarmiento Awarded Intercde International 5 Year Staff Milestone Award



Alan Doerksen Awarded Intercde International 10 Year Staff Milestone Award



Marianne Krawczyk Awarded Intercde International 10 Year Milestone Volunteer Award



Ray Dorton Awarded 15 Year Milestone Volunteer Award



Marc Lessard Awarded Intercde International 15 Year Milestone Award



Sharon Eagles Awarded 30 Year Milestone Volunteer Award



Award Recipients

Throughout our 48 volunteers in 2013 contributed collectively 1252 man hours of work. Every year we also recognize certain volunteers to be our Intercde Volunteers of the Year. This year the four Intercde Volunteers of the Year were: Alphonse Mayola, Lori Alvin, Victor Alvin and Teresa Summers.

This year three other individuals were also honoured for their longevity of service with the Milestone of Distinguished Volunteer Service to Intercde International. They were: Marianne Krawczyk - with the 10 Year Milestone Award; Ray Dorton - with the 15 Year Milestone Award and Sharon Eagles - with the 30 Year Milestone Award.

Also honoured with the Five Year Milestone of Distinguished Service were Enzo Herrera, and Staff Member Douglas Sarmiento. Alan Doerksen another Staff Member was honoured with the 10 Year Milestone Staff Award. Marc Lessard was honoured for he served in various capacities with the 15 Year Milestone Award.

Intercde International now in its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year wishes to thank all of our Volunteers for the wonderful difference they have made to help in saving the word of indigenous missions and to help bring relief to the poor and needy in many nations and to proclaim Christ's Gospel to the Ends of the Earth.

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### STUDENT SNAPSHOT: JOSEPH

With a keen interest in sports, Joseph challenges himself by playing basketball, volleyball, soccer and track. Although he has a number of athletic pursuits, being in high school has also helped Joseph find some new interests.

Eventually, Joseph says he'd like to make some good money by playing professional sports. But failing that, he'd also be happy to get into engineering.

It's a good thing for Joseph that DSBN high schools offer everything from arts programs to science and technology, including 40 Specialist High Skills Majors in 13 different economic sectors. This way, no matter which interest Joseph decides to pursue, there will be courses and programs to match his needs.

### GET IN THE GAME!

From aquatics to wrestling and everything in between, DSBN schools offer 24 types of different sports at both the recreational and competitive levels.



At the DSBN, your learning opportunities are almost limitless.

Our schools offer a wide variety of courses, programs, clubs, athletics and extra-curricular experiences to suit every student's particular interests.

## WHAT ARE MY OPPORTUNITIES?

### WANT HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE?

Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) are programs that help students put a laser-like focus on their learning. These programs allow students to concentrate their education in a specific economic sector and help prepare them for college, university, apprenticeship or the workplace. SHSMs allow students to gain unique insight into their chosen career path, as well as many industry specific qualifications and certifications.

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Transportation



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### STUDENT SNAPSHOT: DUAN



"I really think it's important to have a well rounded experience in school," says Duan, whose high school experience has already led him to a job in his chosen career sector.

Now that he's in Grade 11 and taking more elective courses, Duan has the opportunity to pursue all of his other interests and explore new thoughts and ideas.

"There are so many different courses and clubs you can choose from, it's great. Plus, everyone I've met has been so supportive," said Duan.

### STUDENT SNAPSHOT: JESSICA

Now in Grade 10, Jessica says the experiences she's had in high school have opened her eyes to a whole range of different career paths.

"Being focused on the arts, I thought I only had a couple options available to me. At first I figured I would pursue either acting or singing, but now I see all the possibilities that exist."

She added, "High school has been great for me. I'm getting the chance to experiment with so many new things and all my friends and teachers are so supportive, I couldn't imagine being anywhere else."

## WHAT'S THE PLAN?

What you want to learn in school will be influenced by what you want to do afterward. You may have a specific career in mind, or you may have a general area of interest. Wherever you want to go, a good plan will form the foundation of your future success.

Of course, you won't be alone on this journey.

Our schools take great pride in supporting you and your family each step of the way. You'll be able to rely on your teachers and your school's guidance department as important resources. We'll be happy to work with you on creating an educational plan designed to meet your particular needs and help you achieve your future goals.

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